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To Members of the Labor Committee:

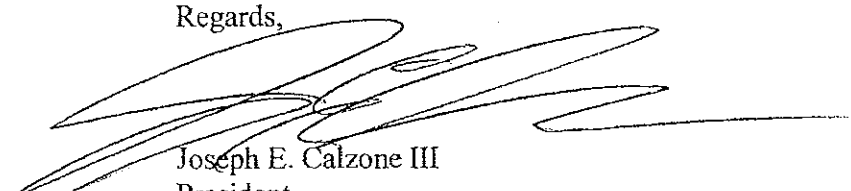
My name is Joe Calzone, President of the Calzone Case Company in Bridgeport, CT.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

We have manufacturing locations in Texas and California as well as Connecticut. Each location has similar capabilities as our Bridgeport location. Although our Bridgeport location has only 45 employees we are in a growth curve due to extensive marketing, sales and customer service improvements as well as a very aggressive "Get in Their Face" sales team. I would reconsider adding employees to our Bridgeport location if indeed HB-6187 was to pass.

I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Regards,



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